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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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**Introductory Comments**

This AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE answers the outstanding Office Action in the subject application dated February 10, 2004. In accordance with the revised amendment format outlined in the Official Gazette Notice of February 25, 2003 (1267 O.G. 106), each section of this amendment paper will begin on a separate sheet, including:

Introductory Comments;  
Amendments to the Claims; and  
Remarks.

It is respectfully submitted that no fee is required with this amendment as there are two independent claims and 11 claims total resulting from the amendment. A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME is submitted herewith.